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Applicant respectfully submits the following amendments and remarks in response to the Final Office Action dated January 23, 2006. Applicant respectfully requests that these amendments and remarks be entered in pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.116, and respectfully request reconsideration of Claims 1-18 and 20-27.